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Franks would penalize owner of Superfund site

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Rep. Bob Franks yesterday called for "serious penalties" against the owner of a contaminated South Plainfield property if efforts to contain the spread of toxic chemicals in the soil do not begin soon.

Flanked by officials from the borough

and the federal Environmental Protection Agency, Franks, R-7th Dist., yesterday toured the Hamilton Industrial Park, where officials have found high levels of polychlorinated biphenyls, lead and cadmium.

If efforts to contain contamination at the 25-acre federal Superfund site do not begin by Monday, Franks said the EPA should impose maximum financial penalties against property owner D.S.C. of Newark Enterprises.

"Any time you see a problem like this existing, you want to see implementation of a corrective action as soon as possible," Franks said.

Having ordered D.S.C. to pave a gravel roadway and to fence off other contaminated areas, the EPA could impose fines of \$25,000 per day if the property owner fails to comply, according to Eric Wilson, who is coordinating agency efforts at the site.

Wilson said paving that was sup-

posed to begin July 7 has been rescheduled to start on Monday.

The work was delayed because workers hired to complete the project balked when they heard about health and safety hazards at the site, Wilson said.

Bellamy Brothers Paving of Middlesex Borough has agreed to complete the project, according to Gary Boyer of

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English, who wrote the report, said yesterday they don't remember the incident.

"What happened to resurrect this thing really is unclear," Judge William Gazi said, poring over the court file. "It's a curious case."

Glenn, a Highland Park resident, told Gazi she learned of the outstanding ticket when she went to Borough Hall to pay a more recent fine. Then she received three notices for her to appear in court.

"I don't remember it," said Glenn. "It could have been anyone using the car at the time — my brother, my sister."

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support the deal, said one analyst.

"Their current strategy is to give almost all party money to Republicans and gird their support among individual Democrats in tobacco states to at least hold the present deal together, or strengthen it," said Larry Sabato, a

As of June 30, Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds together had given \$575,000 in soft money to the RNC this year, the FEC report showed. Such donations may be used for party-building but not for individual candidates. Nevertheless, the parties have found ways

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Oxford Environmental, a consulting firm hired by D.S.C.

The paving company also will fulfill EPA orders to erect a fence on the property and to prevent tainted runoff from entering the Bound Brook, Boyer said.

Laborers from Bellamy Brothers have been trained in working at contaminated sites, Wilson said, adding that this requirement is sometimes difficult to meet.

It will take Bellamy Brothers two weeks to pave the road, three weeks to erect the fence and two weeks more to apply topsoil and grass seed on a contaminated field at the rear of the property, Boyer said. The grass roots will hold contaminants in place, he said.

These steps are short-term measures to remove immediate health hazards posed by the site, said Dick Salkie, chief of the EPA's removal branch.

Wilson said contaminants at the site do not pose a hazard to area residents,

but longtime workers at 15 businesses now operating there could face health risks.

The agency is negotiating an agreement with past property owner Cornell-Dubilier Electronics to clean the interiors of some buildings where high levels of contaminants were found, Wilson said.

Salkie said the site is being considered for placement on the National Priorities List for long-term cleanup.

As part of its assessment, the EPA in June tested sediments, water and fish from the Bound Brook, which

flows into New Market Pond, a popular fishing hole in Piscataway.

Results of the fish sampling should be complete by mid-August, Wilson said.

Mayor Daniel Gallagher said he hopes that Franks' visit expedites the cleanup.

"The (state Department of Environmental Protection) and the EPA are perhaps more receptive when they see a member of Congress," Gallagher said.

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